



General Assembly

Amendment

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LCO No. 4654



Offered by:

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To: Subst. House Bill No. **5331**

File No. 203

Cal. No. 185

"AN ACT CONCERNING THE LIQUOR CONTROL ACT AND RELATED STATUTES."

1 Strike section 1 in its entirety and substitute the following in lieu
2 thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) For the purposes of this
4 section:

5 (1) "Eligible manufacturer" means the holder of a manufacturer
6 permit for (A) spirits issued under subsection (a) of section 30-16 of the
7 general statutes, (B) beer issued under subsection (b) of section 30-16 of
8 the general statutes, as amended by this act, (C) a farm winery issued
9 under subsection (c) of section 30-16 of the general statutes, or (D) wine,
10 cider and mead issued under subsection (d) of section 30-16 of the
11 general statutes; and

12 (2) "Festival sponsor" means an entity operating on a nonprofit basis
13 in this state, including, but not limited to, (A) an association, or a
14 subsidiary of an association, that promotes manufacturing and selling

15 alcoholic liquor in this state, (B) a civic organization operating in this
16 state, and (C) a municipality in this state.

17 (b) A festival permit shall allow a festival sponsor to organize and
18 sponsor a festival in this state in accordance with the provisions of this
19 section by inviting eligible manufacturers to participate in such festival.
20 Each festival permit issued by the Commissioner of Consumer
21 Protection under this section shall be effective for not more than four
22 consecutive days, and shall allow the festival sponsor to hold the festival
23 on the days and times permitted under subsection (j) of section 30-91 of
24 the general statutes, as amended by this act. The fee for each festival
25 permit shall be seventy-five dollars.

26 (c) The commissioner shall not issue a festival permit under this
27 section unless the festival sponsor has received all approvals required
28 under local fire and zoning regulations.

29 (d) The festival sponsor shall disclose to each person who purchases
30 admission to the festival, at the time such person purchases such
31 admission, any and all restrictions or limitations of such admission,
32 including, but not limited to, the maximum number of glasses or other
33 receptacles suitable to permit the consumption of alcoholic liquor such
34 person is entitled to receive by virtue of purchasing such admission.

35 (e) Any municipality may, by ordinance or zoning regulation,
36 prohibit festivals in such municipality.

37 (f) Any eligible manufacturer may participate in a festival organized
38 and sponsored by a festival sponsor that invites such eligible
39 manufacturer to participate in such festival.

40 (g) Each participating eligible manufacturer may, during the festival
41 and for the alcoholic liquor such participating eligible manufacturer has
42 manufactured:

43 (1) Offer to festival visitors free or paid samples or tastings of
44 alcoholic liquor for consumption on the festival premises, in accordance

45 with the provisions of section 30-16 of the general statutes, as amended
46 by this act; and

47 (2) Unless such participating eligible manufacturer is the holder of an
48 out-of-state shipper's permit for beer issued under section 30-19 of the
49 general statutes:

50 (A) Sell and directly ship to festival visitors, if allowed under section
51 30-16 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, alcoholic liquor
52 that such participating eligible manufacturer sells to festival visitors at
53 such festival;

54 (B) Sell, at retail, for consumption off the festival premises and in
55 accordance with the provisions of section 30-16 of the general statutes,
56 as amended by this act, bottles and other sealed containers of alcoholic
57 liquor; and

58 (C) Sell, at retail, alcoholic liquor by the glass or receptacle for
59 consumption on the festival premises, provided each such glass or
60 receptacle is embossed or otherwise permanently labeled with the name
61 and date of the festival.

62 (h) No participating eligible manufacturer may give, offer or sell to
63 any person or entity any alcoholic liquor that such participating eligible
64 manufacturer has not manufactured.

65 (i) A municipality may, by ordinance or zoning regulation, require
66 festival sponsors to ensure that:

67 (1) Restrooms, or enclosed portable toilets, are available either on or
68 near the festival premises; and

69 (2) Food is available to festival visitors for consumption on the
70 festival premises during all operating hours, provided no such
71 ordinance or zoning regulation shall require that food be purchased
72 with an alcoholic beverage.

73 (j) Festival sponsors shall be exempt from the requirements to affix

74 and maintain a placard, as provided in subdivision (3) of subsection (b)
 75 of section 30-39 of the general statutes, as amended by this act. The
 76 provisions of subsection (c) of section 30-39 of the general statutes, as
 77 amended by this act, shall not apply to festival permits."

78 Strike section 8 in its entirety and substitute the following in lieu
 79 thereof:

80 "Sec. 8. Section 30-76a of the general statutes is repealed and the
 81 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

82 A wholesaler permittee shall not sell alcoholic liquor to any persons
 83 holding a temporary permit for outings, picnics or special gatherings
 84 issued under section 30-35, or a charitable organization permit,
 85 including a nonprofit public television corporation permit issued under
 86 section 30-37d but [not including] excluding a nonprofit golf
 87 tournament permit issued under section 30-37g. Holders of [said] such
 88 permits shall purchase alcoholic liquor only from permittees holding
 89 package store permits issued under subsection (a) of section 30-20. The
 90 provisions of this section shall not apply to the sale of beer in kegs."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 8	<i>from passage</i>	30-76a